

Committee on the Budget

Committee on Banking
and Financial Services

Subcommittee on Housing and
Community Development

Subcommittee on Domestic
and International Monetary Policy



LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

33RD DISTRICT, CALIFORNIA

October 9, 1996

WASHINGTON, D.C. OFFICE:
324 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-0533
Telephone: (202) 225-1766

DISTRICT OFFICE:
255 East Temple Street
Suite 1860
Los Angeles, CA 90012-3334
Telephone: (213) 628-9230

SECOND VICE-CHAIR
CONGRESSIONAL HISPANIC CAUCUS

Federal Elections Commission
Office of General Counsel
999 E Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20463

AOR 1996-45

OCT 10 9 57 AM '96

RECEIVED
FEDERAL ELECTION
COMMISSION
OFFICE OF GENERAL
COUNSEL

Re: Request for an Advisory Opinion

Facts

In mid-November I am proposing to invite members of my staff and representatives of non-profit community based organization and city agencies from my congressional district to participate in a special seminar. The seminar will focus on ways in which participants can become more sensitive and responsive to persons from different racial and ethnic backgrounds. It will also identify ways in which people from different backgrounds can work more effectively and cooperatively in promoting racial and ethnic harmony.

I believe that this seminar, which will be offered at no cost to participants, would be particularly beneficial to these non-profit organizations and city agencies because of the tremendous demographic diversity of the clientele they regularly serve in the Southern California region.

Question

May I utilize campaign funds to pay for the transportation and hotel accomodation expenses of the speakers who will be leading the seminar?

I would appreciate receiving a response within ten (10) working days in order to complete the preparations necessary to organize the seminar in question. Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this request.

Sincerely,

LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD
Member of Congress

Committee on the Budget

Committee on Banking
and Financial ServicesSubcommittee on Housing and
Community DevelopmentSubcommittee on Domestic
and International Monetary Policy

LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD
33RD DISTRICT, CALIFORNIA
MEMORANDUM

WASHINGTON, D.C. OFFICE:
324 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-0533
Telephone: (202) 225-1766

DISTRICT OFFICE:
255 East Temple Street
Suite 1860
Los Angeles, CA 90012-3334
Telephone: (213) 628-9230

SECOND VICE-CHAIR
CONGRESSIONAL HISPANIC
FEDERAL ELECTION
COMMISSION
OFFICE OF GENERAL
COUNSEL

2 04 PM '96

**TO: SUSAN PROPPER, OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL
FEDERAL ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

**FROM: HENRY J. CONTRERAS, CHIEF OF STAFF
CONGRESSWOMAN LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD**

DATE: OCTOBER 10, 1996

**RE: SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION RELATING TO OUR REQUEST
FOR AN ADVISORY OPINION, AS DESCRIBED IN THE LETTER TO
THE F.E.C. DATED OCTOBER 9, 1996.**

As per our telephone conversation this afternoon, I am writing to provide additional information in connection with our request for an advisory opinion for the special seminar described in our letter dated October 9, 1996 that Congresswoman Roybal-Allard is proposing to sponsor.:

- (1) The seminar would be presented over a two day period running from November 25th to 26th.
- (2) The seminar would be presented in the Congresswoman's Congressional District and would probably be held in conference room space donated by one of the cities in our District.
- (3) Congresswoman Roybal-Allard would be hosting the event in her official capacity as a Member of Congress. The seminar is being offered as a community service that is intended to promote racial and ethnic harmony and cooperation. It will be offered after the November election and would not be used as a forum to highlight her re-election campaign.
- (4) There are no other expenses to be incurred in connection with the seminar. The consultants are offering their services free of charge if transportation and lodging is made available. There will be no charge to seminar participants. Invitations would be extended by her congressional staff on their own volunteer time and there will be no use of her official congressional resources.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need any additional information.
Thank you.